

CONVENTION UPDATE: #2. Oct. 3 and 4; Holiday Inn, Bridgeport. Details in April issue. On last month's flyer under INFORMATION FOR OUT OF TOWN GUESTS the date to send the \$25 deposit to Holiday Inn for the room should be Sep 17 not Oct 17. As of May 6, 26 people are coming on Sat. and 15 are coming Friday. Guests coming so far are Bob Prescott and his 2 sons, Bob and Pete. They will be handling the sound effects. 16 display and dealer tables are reserved already. Only 35 are available so let me know right away.

IN FOND MEMORY: Arthur Kleiner, Mar 31, 77; accompanist and composer of music for silent films...Steve Fisher, Mar 27, 67; film scenarist and tv writer...Kay Medford, Apr 10, 59; comedienne-character actress; tv(DEAN MARTIN 1969-70, TO ROME WITH LOVE 1970-72)...Julian Funt, Apr 8, 73; tv and radio writer; radio(GRAND CENTRAL STATION, BIG SISTER, THIS IS NORA DRAKE)...June Helmers, Apr 9, 38; actress...Paul Langton, Apr 15, 65; actor; tv(PEYTON PLACE 1964-68) ...Cecil Ford, Mar 27, 69; movie producer...Tom Fadden, Apr 14, 85; character actor...Florence Lake, Apr 11, 75; actress...Harlen Lufkin Mar 13, 62; character actor...Kathleen Burke, Apr 9, 66; film actress ...Jean-Paul Sartre, Apr 15, 74; writer...Morris Stoloff, Apr 16, 81; 3-time academy Award winner for musical scoring. Musical director of Columbia pictures. #1 hit with "Picnic" in 1956...Charlotte Henry, Apr 11, 65; stage and screen actress...Ethel Wilson, Apr 19, 88; legitimate and radio actress (HENRY ALDRICH, OUR GAL SUNDAY, GOLDBERGS) ...James R Jones, Apr 3, 67; actor...Al Stellone, Apr 19, 46; actor ...Alfred Hitchcock, Apr 29, 80; master of Suspense...Jane Frazan, Apr 22, 72; singer; portrayed by Susan Hayward in movie of her life... Tony Beckley, Apr 19, 40's; actor...Alf Sjoberg, Apr 17, 77; actor and film and stage director...Tommy Caldwell, Apr 28, 30; member of Marshall Tucker Band...Raymond Bailey, Apr 15, 75; on BEVERLY HILL-BILLIES 1962-71. Also on DOBIE GILLIS 1961-63 and MY SISTER EILEEN 1960-61.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: COLLECTORS CORNER, Mar-Apr; articles on ORCATS, Mercury Theater Log, Buying groups, mystery shows... MAGIC SOUNDS, Spring; article on Chandu and sorcerers...NARA NEWSLETTER; #1. An additional quarterly pub. of Nara edited by Roger Hill. Is included with your membership to NARA or \$5 a year...TAPE SQUEAL, Apr; articles on Duffy's Tavern, care of records, Vic and Sade... MEMORIES, Spring (Buffalo Club Pub) \$1. article on Green Hornet... ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Mar, articles on buying groups, biog. of radio stars written in 1942...Annual SPERQVAC Magazine; 44 pages. articles on Barbara Luddy, Fibber McGee, sci fi on radio, Sears Radio Theater, 1979 National Broadcasters Hall of Fame induction...WORLD OF YES-TERDAY, April; articles on Nick Carter, Chester Morris, Kay Francis, John Garfield, Nigel Bruce.

MUSIC: Melissa Manchester was the first artist to perform 2 nominees for best original song at the Academy Awards; "Through the Eyes of Love" and "I'll Never Say Good-bye." Neither one won...Al Ham now has 20 stations with his syndicated "Music of your Life" format. They include WAVZ in New Haven, WMAS in Springfield, WXKS in Boston and WHLI in Hempstead. Al attended our convention last year...Disneyland revitalized the big band sound during a 2-day "radio broadcast" April 26-27 with Cab Calloway, Helen Forrest and Orin Tucker.. .On April 13 Grease closed on Broadway after 3388 performances, the longest of any musical.

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NEWS OF THE PAST (by Ed Carr) 1938: Ken Griffin and Blair Walliser are co-owners of the championship racing boat Revenge. Revenge won the famed Chicago-Mackinac race...Alice Sherry Gootkin, 17 year-old actress of those happy Gilmans playing Clarice Maywood, is also Patsy Donovan in Capt. Midnight...1937: Fanny Brice had to have all her teeth pulled due to a severe case of arthritis.

EVENT: In late May the Pequot Library in Southport, Ct will exhibit memorabilia connected with radio and music from 1920-60. Most will be from Connecticut residents. This exhibit salutes the publication of THE MIGHTY MUSIC BOX: THE GOLDEN AGE OF MUSICAL RADIO by Thomas Delong. Contact the library if you have anything to display. Phone # is 203-259-0346.

Catalog: Dave Siegel, 3192 Amelia Dr, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547 sent latest supplement of CAVALCADE OF AMERICA. He has about 290 shows.

YOU AND THE LAW: As I mentioned 2 months ago Arch Oboler has filed suit in New York to halt commercial sale and rebroadcast of radio shows he wrote. He calls it piracy and says the artists should be paid. He is taking action against stores selling his shows and publications advertising the stores. SPERDVAC, of which Arch Oboler is an honorary member, is supporting and helping Mr. Oboler's effort as mentioned in their March newsletter. Unfortunately this problem is a never-ending one. Note the article in April HA about copyrights. We have many categories of OTR people...1. The listener who buys or borrows shows. 2. The trader who listens. 3. The person who sells to private parties. 4. The person who sells to radio stations. 5. The station and person who broadcast OTR shows without permission. 6. The syndicators who do get permission. 7. The performers, writers, directors, etc. of these shows...Who is guilty of piracy? The trader; The seller to private parties; the seller to radio stations; the broadcaster;..Everyone has their own ideas. There should be some way for radio personalities to receive some renumeration for their past efforts. How and to what extent under existing copyright laws is unclear. Our OTR HOBBY should not suffer, however...The seller or broadcaster could agree to pay a portion of his sales; but to whom: performers, writers, directors, etc. and to what extent and in what proportion. I would welcome constructive comments from those actively involved in the COPYRIGHT problem.

NEW ADDRESSES: Ken Bradley, 959 S Bleckley Dr #203, Wichita, KS 67218.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Joseph Hasenstaub, 12900 Clifton Blvd, Lakewood, OH 44107...Kevin Flynn, Box 2233, Monterey, Cal 93940...Tom McFadden, 207 16th Ave, Sterling, Ill 61081...Marge Bzony, Covina Hobby Center, 140 North Citrus, Covina, Cal 91723...Jack French, 5137 Richardson Dr, Fairfax, Va 22032.

Old Friends: Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512 is coming to the convention and looking for someone with a portable VHS system. Ed has a video tape camera and wants to video tape the show...Ed also has radio guides and movie magazines of the 30's for trade. Also 14 discs of MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN. Looking for others with discs of same show...Richard Arnold, Box 51, Tipton, Mo 65081 has 15,000 shows and wants a few more traders. Catalogue traded with people with similar collections...Floyd Fowler, who subscribed to HA in 1973 recently died. His wife wants to sell his collections. Write Sue Fowler, 2111 Euclid Rd, Huntsville, Ala 35810...Roy Hooper, 3074

Molokai Pl, Costa Mesa, Cal 92626 has found two collectors who are sitting firmly on uncirculated GUNSMOKE from half of 1957, 1958, 1960. They are master copies. These collectors will only release them in exchange for other rare GUNSMOKEs from 1957-61 and first 20 shows from 1952. Roy is also looking for copies of STAY TUNED FOR TERROR...Duff Campbell, Box 4371, Panorama, Cal 91412 wants CBS MYSTERY THEATER show called "High on Cacatta" 3/16/79 in Los Ang. Also 2 SHADOWS: Caverns of Death and Death under the Chapel, both 1938 summer shows...Pete Greco. 86A Dafrack Rd, Lk Hiawatha, NJ 07034 wants address of Phil Harris...Nostalgia Warehouse (Joe Webb) is not selling OTR shows any more. Sales of other items and COLLECTORS CORNER are still continuing.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: The NATIONAL BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAME in Freehold, NJ, with the help of the state's Division of Travel and Tourism is attracting more people. The non-profit organization, according to Harvey Price, executive vice-president, operates on donations and entrance fees. The attraction, started by Art Schriener, honors past radio celebrities and offers to listeners a wide selection of original radio broadcasts...Another station broadcasting OTR for a long time is KSFO in San Francisco. They have had OTR under different formats since 1970...The Peabody Awards were announced on April 20. Awards were given to: WGBH-Fm in Boston for a Masterpiece Theater presentation; Children's Radio Theater in Washington, DC; Robert Trout in recognition of his nearly 50 years as a knowledgeable and articulate commentator on national and international affairs.

LATE NEWS: Kansas City, Mo has five commercial and non-commercial stations devoting airtime to the big bands. Most are for a few hours each week.

Have a good month.

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs

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